

# Windmill Weekly (32)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for May - Kindness

23 May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Year 3 Story Soup**

It was a pleasure to see the story telling performance by the children in Year 3 who performed Story Soup last Friday afternoon. The children performed brilliantly to retell this story and it was incredibly impressive to see the quantity of words that they had learnt by heart. I know that everyone who was there really enjoyed it.

## **Bake Off**

Thanks to everyone who entered a bake in the Windmill Bake Off on Monday. It was brilliant to see the amazing cakes and savoury entries that you and your children created! A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Noonan, who does a fabulous job of masterminding the entire event. Thanks also goes to Mrs Spence and Mrs Burrell (an ex Windmill parent) who supported her so well.

## **Orchestra Performance**

I was very impressed by the quality of our school orchestra who performed to their parents / carers and children in Years 3 and 4 on Wednesday morning. We would love to increase the number of children playing in the orchestra and used this performance to showcase what they do to the children in Years 3 and 4. Lots of them said they would be interested in taking part which is great.

## **Big Summer Sing**

Well done to all of the children who are in the choir and took part in the Big Summer Sing at the Oxfordshire Music Service on Wednesday evening. It was a lovely event.

## **Design for Rhino**

I am sure most of you have seen the Rhino who lives out on the front lawn and noticed that he is becoming very tatty. A parent at the school painted him, following a design made by one of the children through a school competition, about 5 years ago. The parent has very kindly offered to repaint the rhino over the summer and has suggested that we run a competition to find the best design again. If your child has said that they would like to take part, they have brought home a design sheet with them. Please can all designs be back at school by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Please encourage your child to keep the design quite simple and not over complicated.

## **Unsafe Parking**

Yet again we have a number of cars being parked unsafely in the mornings, and this makes crossing the roads much more dangerous. Two cars have been flagged by a parent this week. If these cars belong to you please could you ensure that you park more safely in future.



## Bike Bus

A couple of weeks ago I sent some information about how we could start up a Bike Bus. I have had one parent come forward to say that they are interested, but she would like some support with this were she to take it on. Maybe, one of you was also thinking that you would be interested in supporting this, but didn't want to take it on your own. If so, please do get in touch with me.



## Key Dates

2 June	Start of Term 6
2 - 6 June	Year 6 to Kilvrough
3 June	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm
4 June	Year 5 Assembly 6.00pm
17 June	Festival of Voices
18 June	Big Meal
19 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
20 June	INSET Day - No Pupils in School
27 June	Year 1 play 9.10am
27 June	Barn Dance
2 July	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
3 July	Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and Reception 9.15am
8 July	Year 6 Performance 1.45pm
9 July	Sports Day for key Stage 2 1.30pm
9 July	Year 6 Performance 6.00pm
11 July	Summer Disco
18 July	Leavers service for Year 6 9.00am - 10.00am
18 July	Last day in school (INSET days on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)
3 September 2025	Term 1 for Academic Year 2025/2026 - 8.40am

## Sickness bugs

Just a reminder that Windmill's policy is for children to be away from school for 48 hours after the last incident of diarrhoea or vomiting. Therefore, please do not send your child in to school. This is to keep them safe, and the rest of their classmates (and teachers) safe.

## Windmill Coffee Morning - Focus Young Carers

Our next coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 11th June, 8.45 - 10.00am in the after-school club room. 'Be Free YC' an organisation which supports young carers in Oxfordshire, will be coming to give a talk. Please see the link for more information.

We look forward to seeing you!

<https://befreeyc.org.uk>

## Tempest Class Photos

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's time to find a spot on the mantelpiece or a space on the wall as I'm delighted to let you know that your recent group photograph is now ready to view and purchase at the following link -

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<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-Tigers>

<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-BlueJays>

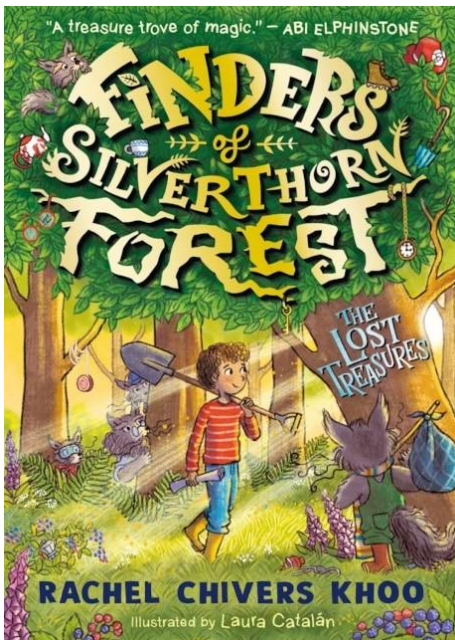
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<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-Explorer>  
<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-Ladybirds>  
<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-Yr6>  
<https://htmp.st/Windmill25-Yr6Fun>

We offer a free "deliver to school" option that is open until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on our website home page ([htempest.co.uk](http://htempest.co.uk)) where our friendly team will be happy to help.

#### **Author Visit: Rachel Chivers Khoo**

Children's author, Rachel Chivers Khoo will be visiting the school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June for a creative writing workshop with Years 3, 4 and 5. Rachel will be sharing the inspiration behind her new magical woodland series *Finders of Silverthorn Forest* (suitable for readers aged 6-11).



We have partnered with local bookshop, Caper, to give parents an opportunity to pre-order a signed copy for their child. The pre-ordered books will be delivered to the school, and the children will bring their signed copies home with them on the day of the author visit.

You may order a copy for your child on the Caper website using this link: <https://caperoxford.square.site/product/finders-of-silverthorn-forest-the-lost-treasures/11625>

Please note the cut-off date to order a signed copy for your child is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Please make sure to enter your child's full name and 'Windmill Primary' on the order form.

#### **Windmill Bake Off 2025**

Thank you and well done to everyone who entered the Bake Off. We had 110 entries and we were really thrilled with the standard of baking.

Please come and collect your cake tins from outside the cookery room.

The winners were:-

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
KS1 Savoury Large Small	Eleanor - Starfish Harrison - Hedgehog Aoife - Ladybirds	Alma - Starfish Daniel FJ - Cherry Ayat - Strawberry	Ilaria - Strawberry Darcy - Hedgehogs Elysia - Mandarin
KS2 Savoury Large Small	Leonor - Daffodils Matilda - Blue Jay Nasrin - Violet	Serena - Lilac Alys - Violet Freya - Lilac	Joni - Violet Kitty - Blue Jay Titos - Geckos
Adults Savoury Large Small	Jayne Spence Stuart Horrobin Shimon Whiteson	Mrs Williams Hagit Zucker Jen Harper	Ben Faust Karim's mum Sarah Reading
KS2 Savoury Large	Highly Commended - Sam- Lavender Highly Commended - Tom - Blue Jay Ezra - Blue Jay		

### Physical Challenge Month

An impressive total of £908 raised across April via the physical challenge month - thanks so much everybody!

I understand there is a discussion taking place on how to use these funds - with it most likely being spent on physical activities and/or equipment.

My son is finishing up at Windmill this year, so I'm on the hunt for somebody to take on running the physical challenge month next school year. It really is a very easy fundraising 'event' to organise! You can almost do the whole thing without leaving your sofa (not very physical!). Happy to handover the doc and some basic suggestions/instructions.

Get in touch (via Classlist) if willing.

### Your Autumn Fayre needs you!

The Autumn Fayre is always a highlight of the Windmill year and we need one or two people to lead on organisation. If you'd be interested in taking a lead or co-lead, please drop us a line on [windmillpta@gmail.com](mailto:windmillpta@gmail.com) or speak to any of the PTA members. More volunteers will come on board to organise individual sections (e.g. food, games etc) but we need one or two parents or carers to oversee the whole day.

### Upcoming events

27th June: Barn Dance

2nd July: Next PTA meeting, 7.30pm

11th July: Summer Disco

Date TBC: Autumn Fayre

### Quarry Rovers Football Club - Year 6 boys

Quarry Rovers in Headington are looking for new players for next season as we move to U13s and 11v11. Current school Year 7 but could be current Year 6 if wanting to play up a year. We train on Wednesdays. Based in Headington and playing in League C.

Please message Pete Wale, 07748 175606, for more info.

**Happy Holiday!**

I hope that you all have a very happy holiday next week!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Knapp', written in a cursive style.

Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

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**Quarry Village Hall, Headington**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, 4pm - 9pm**

Under 13s go free,

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<https://wegottickets.com/event/655041>



## OXFORDSHIRE FA COACH DEVELOPMENT

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# STEPPING OVER THE SIDELINES

An introductory workshop for women and girls of all ages and backgrounds who would like to get into volunteering and coaching.

Led by Community Champion Rob Porter and Oxfordshire FA.

**Monday 9 June 2025 | 6.30-8.30pm**

Quarry Pavillion, Quarry Recreation Ground  
Margaret Road OX3 8NJ



To sign up or find out more scan the QR code or visit **[OxfordshireFA.com/Coaches](https://OxfordshireFA.com/Coaches)**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oxfordshirefa/t-yajnmlx>

### Hactive At Home

Free active challenges

Hi I'm Emma and I want to share these active challenges and ideas with you to help keep your children active, these were created during lockdown. All challenges can be adapted to suit any age, ability or surroundings. Hope you have fun with them.

<https://hactive.com/at-home>

Not a runner? Why not volunteer on the day! email [runjericho@gmail.com](mailto:runjericho@gmail.com)

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**27 & 30 MAY**

Everybody welcome!  
Just drop in.

**28 & 29 MAY**

Over 7s only  
No grown ups allowed



**10 - 4pm**

Behind Grandpont  
Nursery, OX1  
Just off the  
Abingdon Rd

● [soapoxford.org.uk/about-us/holiday-play-scheme/](http://soapoxford.org.uk/about-us/holiday-play-scheme/) ●

# Lye Valley Event for Children: Creation, Conservation, Creativity



Date: **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Time: **9.30 to 1pm**

**Bullington Centre**

61 Peat Moors, Headington OX3 7HS

**and Lye Valley**

Starts at Bullington Centre with crafts and activities, followed by a guided walk in the valley, with Dr Judy Webb. For all ages – children must be accompanied by an adult – parent or carer. Refreshments available. Bring a picnic if you wish – picnic tables near the centre.

To book your **FREE** places contact:

[headington.churches.events@outlook.com](mailto:headington.churches.events@outlook.com)

**before June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Churches Together in Headington



Friends of Lye Valley



# May Holiday Clubs

## St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

These clubs are open to children aged 3-11

**Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May**

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



**Cost:** £35 per day  
All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** 8am-5pm

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[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
or call 07722 014301





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Children with motor co-ordination difficulties (DCD/dyspraxia) aged 7-16 years who have struggled to learn to ride a two-wheeled bike.

The course includes up to 12 children, so it is only suitable for children who do not have behavioural or emotional difficulties that would impact on their ability to work in a group setting and with different volunteers helping them learn to ride during the course.

### WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Use the QR code below to see a video that we made a few years ago that shows our approach.

### COST?

The course is free of charge to participants.

### WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

Mainly experienced volunteers, with leadership from the Fire & Rescue Service (who are responsible for road safety in Oxfordshire), in collaboration with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and Oxford Brookes University.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Children on the course must bring their own bike and helmet and be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKING

Email: [learntrabike@gmail.com](mailto:learntrabike@gmail.com)



Next date:

**Mon 28 July - Fri 01 Aug 2025**

(1-2 hours every morning)

Venue:

**MINI Plant Visitor Centre,  
Cowley, Oxford, OX4 6NL  
(Free parking in MINI Plant car park)**



\*Learn to Ride a Bike video  
QR Code and webpage  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZ6BHC-W5Q0)



An online talk by Jane Keyworth



# Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7 - 8:30pm**

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**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June**

at Barton Leisure Centre

Speak to a member of our team, or head to our website, for more information.

We are excited to announce that we will be offering free taster swimming lessons during our Big Splash Weekend on the 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> of June, timing 8:30am-12:30am located at Leys Pool & leisure centre and Barton Leisure Centre. These lessons aim to teach children valuable swimming skills and foster a love for the water.

# OXFORDSHIRE



## SPACES



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# OXFORDSHIRE



## SPACES



All our pop-up events run from 11am to 3pm and have been designed for children aged 0-5. They feature sensory play, educational activities, and more.

Date of pop-up	Location
Wednesday 28 May	Leiden Square (Westgate shopping centre)
Wednesday 4 June	Broad Street, Oxford
Wednesday 11 June	Castle Quarter (Castle Street entrance)
Tuesday 17 June	Castle Quarter (Castle Street entrance)
Wednesday 18 June	Castle Quarter (Castle Street entrance)
Wednesday 25 June	Leiden Square (Westgate shopping centre)
Tuesday 1 July	Castle Quarter (Castle Street entrance)
Wednesday 9 July	Broad Street, Oxford
Wednesday 16 July	Leiden Square (Westgate shopping centre)
Tuesday 22 July	Castle Quarter (Castle Street entrance)

**Important:** Parents and caregivers must stay with their children at all times.

Search **Oxfordshire Play Spaces** on our events page [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events) to find out more.



## HELP WITH FEES AVAILABLE FOR 2026 ENTRY



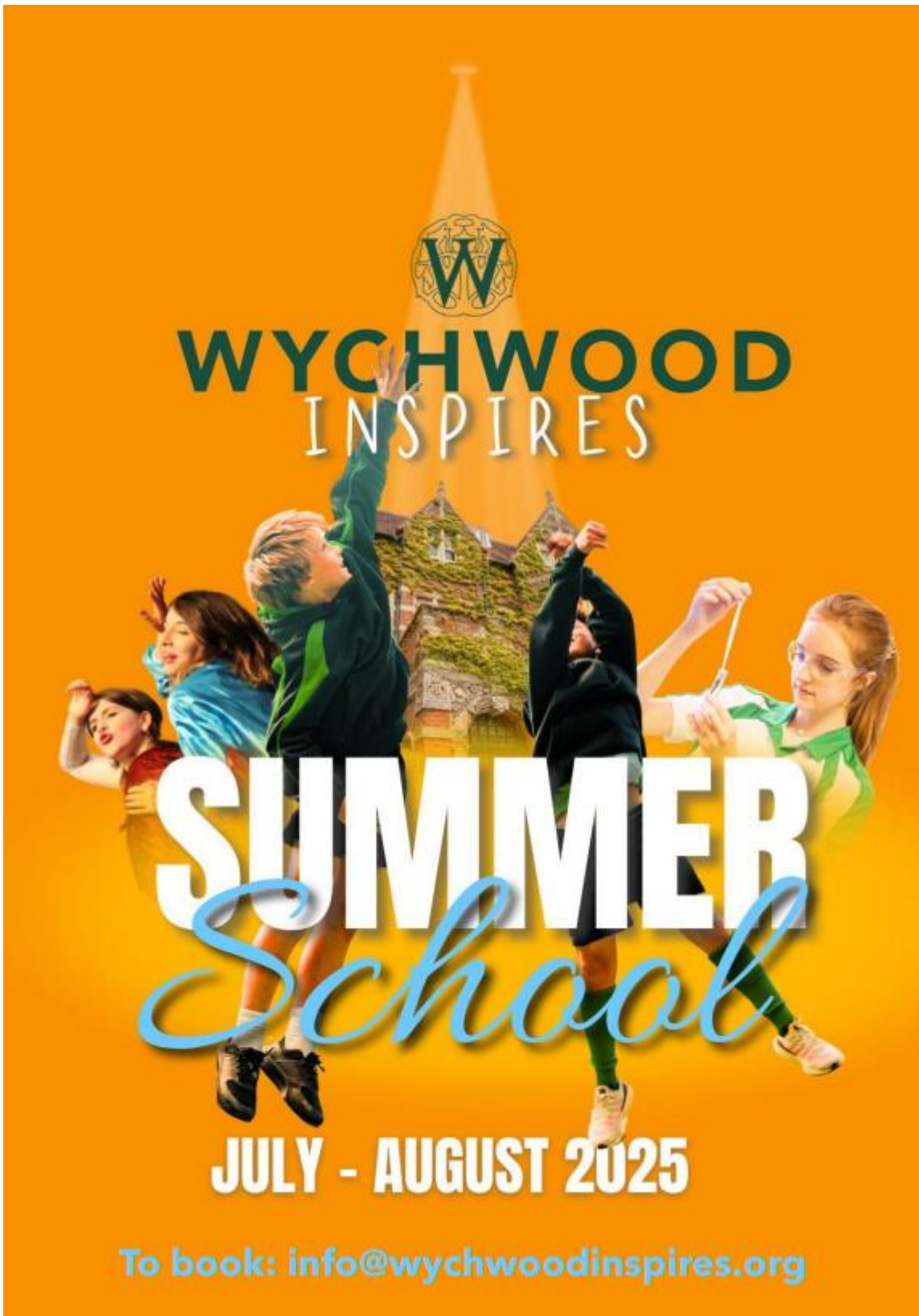
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Our Wychwood Inspires holiday courses are developed with this ethos in mind, designed and delivered by our own teaching staff. If you are looking for holiday courses that are more than just childcare that will encourage your child to find creative ways to solve problems in the science lab, or improve their skills on the water, Wychwood will inspire your child this Summer.

We hope you join us on this journey of learning and discovery and become part of our family here at Wychwood School.

To see the full programme and dates please [click here](#) and to book [click here](#).